

## TODAY IS SOUTHERN MICHIGAN DAY AT FAIR

WILL EIGHT  
DECISION OF  
PRIZE COURT

Packers, Cotton Growers and Importers Plan Combination to Force British to Re-scind Present Order.

WANT CONGRESS TO PASS EMBARGO RESOLUTION

State Department Can Do Nothing Until Packers Have Exhausted All Their Legal Remedies.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The British prize court today ordered the confiscation of the \$15,000,000 worth of American meat products chiefly because the American packers declined to accept the British construction of law that placed the burden of proof on the shipper instead of the government, according to a dispatch from Consul Gen. Skinner at London to the state department today.

Because of this information the administration has decided to expedite as soon as possible the general protest against the British orders in countries territorially adjacent to Germany.

The consul general in confirming the text of the decision, said in part: "It was based largely on the refusal of the claimants to accept the burden of proof and demonstrate the innocent destinations of the cargoes."

It was learned that in so doing the packers simply followed the suggestion of the United States. It is claimed in the American attitude that the attempt to place the burden of proof of the innocent nature of the cargo, whether of contraband or non-contraband on the shipper, the allies are trying to write a new principle into the accepted international law. This the United States is as determined to resist as strongly as it has resisted the attempt of the German admiralty to construe existing law to aid its submarine campaign.

The attitude of this government is that the law as it existed prior to Aug. 1, 1914, is the only law that can be applied to any from the neutrals in the present war. As enunciated by President Wilson himself some months ago:

"We cannot consent to any changes in the law as it is going on."

Plan Combination.  
A combination of the western meat packers, the southern cotton growers and the importing interests of the United States to force action by the administration designed to secure the freedom of the seas for American imports and exports, will be formed in the near future.

The sweeping decision of the British prize court will be the compelling factor. Already the representatives of the southern cotton growers who have an organization here are preparing to take advantage of the situation. They

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PACKERS APPEAL  
AGAINST DECISION

London Papers Predict Finding of British Prize Court Will be Upheld.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—All the American packers whose products valued at many millions of dollars, were yesterday declared by the British prize court forfeited to the crown gate notice of appeal from the decision today. It is expected that the final legal steps will be expedited and that final judgment will be handed down as soon as possible.

The British press expresses confidence that the decision of the prize court will be upheld in the final judgment and that the findings of Sir Samuel T. Evans, president of the court, will be completely endorsed. The Times asserts that the decision was necessary as a contrary judgment would have practically nullified the order in council declaring a blockade of Germany.

The same newspaper says that the prize courts were strongly influenced by the decisions of the American courts during the Civil war, being guided in large measure by the decisions of Chief Justice Chase and his colleagues with reference to British cargoes seized as contraband.

"The result, if adverse to American shippers, may be said to be a compliment to American jurisprudence," the Times concludes.

Other immense cargoes are held by the British government. It is supposed that the decision as to these will be withheld until the appeal of the American packers on the present case is decided.

MOTHER OF JOCKEY  
IS HURT IN FALL

Mrs. Mary Powers Expected to be Taken to Her Home Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Powers, the 77-year-old mother of Milo Powers, racehorse owner and driver, was hurt at the fair grounds Thursday night. Alone in her tent she tried to pull her cot out of the wet and fell. She could not get up and for long time could make no one hear her calls.

"It was hours and hours before anybody came," Mrs. Powers told the reporter, who found her lying on a narrow cot in her son's quarters. "I hurt my back when I fell, and I can't move for the pain. But please don't put it in the paper that I'm badly hurt," she pleaded. "For my two sons up in Michigan and one near here will read about it. And the doctor says maybe I can be moved tomorrow. I want to go home. It isn't far, only to Goshen."

Dr. R. H. Calvert, 111 South Michigan st., is attending her. He thinks she may be moved to her home by Saturday.

## SURVIVORS WILL MEET

Members of 21st Indiana Battery to Gather Saturday.

There will be an informal gathering of the survivors of the 21st Indiana battery in this city Saturday afternoon and evening. This will be the 25th annual reunion of the battery and it is expected that about half the 41 surviving members will be present. No definite program has been arranged. The afternoon meeting will be held in Auten post hall at 2 o'clock and in the evening a supper will be served. A feature of the afternoon meeting will be the reading of a letter which has been received by Sec'y Charles J. Taylor from H. C. Chapman, editor and owner of the Okenee, Okla. Mr. Chapman was one of the lead drivers on Ridgeway's gun in section one of the 21st battery.

## BEAR TRAINER IS BITTEN

Animal Breaks Loose But Liberty Is Short-lived.

When Y. Milse, a trained, attempted to lead Bessie, the big brown California Cinamon bear, from its cage in the Miller side show, at the fair Thursday shortly after noon, the animal turned on him and cuffed him on the left arm. The bear escaped after knocking Milse down, but was captured by attendants and placed again within the cage bars.

Milse was taken to the Women's Civic league tent, where Miss O. N. Bailey, the nurse in charge, dressed his wounds. She pronounced his injuries as not serious if the trainer took care of them.

Milse announced his intention of continuing the animal act again late this afternoon and tonight.

## SAYS PURSE WAS STOLEN

Theft at Interstate Fair is Reported to the Police.

Myrtle Horton, 1410 Henry st., reported to the police department Thursday evening that her purse containing \$1.50 and \$2.50, had been stolen from her at the dancing pavilion at the Interstate fair grounds. She said that she had left her purse in her umbrella while dancing, and that it was missing when she finished.

## RECOVER STOLEN AUTO

Borrowed by Party Who Wanted to See the Fair.

H. S. Bechtel's automobile, which was standing in front of the Elks' temple Thursday night, became a jinx when it was stolen. The car was taken to the Interstate fair grounds and left it standing in front of the grounds' main entrance. Bechtel reported his loss to the police and the car was recovered. Bechtel lives in Wakarusa.

## BUYS IN OLD PLANT

The old Singer plant located on the east side has been bought at sheriff's sale by the Singer Manufacturing Co. for \$137,354.15. The plant was purchased eight years ago for \$125,000 by the Manufacturer's Plant & Power Co. from the Singer company, who have since held the mortgage on the property.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Henry Carl Weber, cashier; Tena May Manchester, garment worker; Leonard Johnson, machinist; Hazel Crofoot, Mishawaka.

Walenty Sopczynski, laborer; Mary Bromkett, seamstress.

## Race Results

2:27 PACE-PURSE, \$400.

First heat—LaBelle Online, 1; Hannah Black, 2; Josephine Directly, 3; Harry Pointer, 4; Jessie H., 5; Mike, the Tramp, 6. Time, 3:21 1-4.

2:14 TROT—PURSE \$400.

First heat, Thursday—Early Dreams, 1; Cobe Ward, 2; I. A. S., 3; Dolly Royal, 4.

Second heat, Friday—Early Dreams, 1; Cobe Ward, 2; Dolly Royal, 3; I. A. S., 4.

Third heat—Early Dreams, 1; Cobe Ward, 2; Dolly Royal, 3; I. A. S., 4. Time, 2:24 1-4.

2:17 PACE—PURSE \$400.

First heat—Hoosier Boy, 1; Nellie M., 2; William H., 3; Blanch Patchen, 4; Ruth Granett, 5; Topsy Y., 6. Time, 2:19 1-4.

TROOPS WILL  
NOT BE SENT  
INTO MEXICO

State Department Makes It Plain There Will be No Armed Intervention—Will Preserve Neutrality.

WILL ASK LEADERS TO DECLARE A TRUCE

Carranza to Agree Providing Villa is Not Allowed More Munitions While Conference is On.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 17.—Carranza soldiers at Matamoras and American soldiers engaged in a pitched battle across the Rio Grande today. The conflict was opened when the Mexicans fired upon American soil apparently trying to kill a peace officer patrolling the American bank of the river. Their shots killed his horse, but he escaped and summoned United States cavalry to the scene.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 17.—Troops of Gen. Carranza today fired a rifle volley across the Rio Grande upon American soil. Three bullets struck and killed a horse being ridden by an American peace officer.

American troops were rushed to the scene but by the time they arrived there the Mexican soldiers had disappeared from the river's bank.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Unless the Mexican conferences to be held in New York tomorrow can devise some plan for an armistice in northern Mexico more than a quarter of a billion dollars' worth of property in the richest section of Mexico likely will be destroyed.

It was reported here today that, realizing this, Sec'y Lansing and the Latin-American conferees will endeavor to persuade Carranza and Villa to declare a truce pending an effort to reconcile the differences. Representatives of Carranza here declare that they are certain that their leader will not consent unless the agreement is coupled with a promise that Villa shall not be permitted to replenish his diminished stores of munitions during the interval.

Following the lead of the United States the foreign consuls in northern Mexico are being withdrawn by their respective governments. They are also ordering their nationals to leave the United States, abandoning their property to caretakers after filing inventories with the American consular representatives.

Plan No Intervention.  
In this connection it was made plain at the state department today that the administration has no intention of armed intervention in northern Mexico even though the fighting between Carranza and Villa reverts into a war of extermination. All that will be done will be to distribute the troops now on the border and those available for duty there so that they can insure that the neutrality of the United States shall not be violated by the belligerents.

In order to counteract the efforts to secure recognition of Carranza the state department has been informed that a Villista delegation comprising a dozen of the brightest men in his army will come here to deny the Carranza claims of domination. They will make the open charge that Carranza is cranking up a revolution that recognition of his government will be followed within a very few months by another revolution which will depose him.

## VILLA DEFEATED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Carranza troops have captured Mexico, south of Chihuahua and the Villista garrison is retreating towards Chihuahua, according to advices from the American consul at Piedras Negras reaching the state department today. Enroute the Villistas have raided two American owned haciendas seizing several hundred head of cattle.

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ALL CIVILIANS ARE  
TOLD TO LEAVE TRENT

ROME, Sept. 17.—The few remaining civilians in Trent have been ordered out by the Austrian military authorities as a result of the new gains of the Italians in their campaign against the capital of Trentino. Italian aviators report a steady exodus from the city.

The evacuation of Rovereto by the Austrians is now complete.

Many noncombatants in Trentino are being shot by the Austrian military authorities without trial or being of espionage suspicions.

In the upper Geneva valley, fighting, which resulted favorably to the Italians, has taken place 10,000 feet in the air, upon the craggy peaks of Cresta and Villacorn.

In the Isonzo front the Austrians are using bombs filled with prussic acid.

## Wounded General Recovering



GENERAL GOURAUD STARTING FOR RIDE.

Gen. Gouraud, the first commander of the French forces on the Gallipoli peninsula, who was seriously wounded in the arms and legs, is now on his way to recovery and is able to take daily rides in his automobile. It is expected that he will be able to enter active service again soon.

RUSS NEAR VILNA  
ARE IN RETREAT

Petrograd Report Says Force is Gaining Ground at Other Points.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 17.—Official admission of the retreat of the Russian forces northeast of Vilna and in the direction of Pinsk was made today by the Russian war office. Elsewhere, however, the Russians have gained, capturing 1,110 prisoners and eight machine guns.

The text of the official report follows: "Northeast of Vilna, the enemy has crossed to the left bank of the Vilya river. In the direction of Pinsk the Russians are retreating."

"West of Pendsky we took 410 prisoners and captured four machine guns. In the region of Derazno (Derashno) captured 700 prisoners and four machine guns."

There is extremely hard fighting in the vicinity of Derazno, which is 35 miles north of Dubno.

Furious fighting is in progress at many points along the battle front from the Baltic to Rutenia with the advantage to the Germans in the north and to the Russians in the south. New arms and a fresh supply of ammunition have enabled the Slav forces to assume the offensive in southern Poland and Galicia and despite the stubborn resistance of the German and Austro-Hungarian forces the Russians are pushing forward.

Gen. Ivanoff, who is actively directing the operations from the Pripiet marshes to the Danister river, is creeping closer and closer to the Galician frontier and the strong hope exists that another Russian invasion of northern Galicia may be under way before winter weather puts a check to military operations.

Hit Over Head, He Never  
Went Back to Register

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17.—County Coroner Poole and Roams Campbell, a negro, were the first two witnesses to testify for the state in the election conspiracy trial of Mayor Bell today. The coroner said he saw Mayor Bell talk with "Bud" Gibson near the polling place in the Eighth av. precinct of the third ward.

He said Bell placed his hand on Gibson's shoulder, but saw nothing pass between them. He said their conversations were in the open and a dozen persons were in the immediate vicinity. Poole did not see anything wrong at the polls except that Gibson warned certain men that they would not get to vote, and Ed Roeder, another worker, took voters down an alley after they had voted.

Campbell, the negro witness, swore he was driven away from the registration place by a policeman who hit him over the head. He ran home and never went back to register.

It became necessary today for Special Judge Eichhorn to request the attorneys in the case to refrain from personalities.

During a controversy former district attorney Charles W. Miller, representing Mayor Bell, responded to Special Pros. Roach by saying "All right mister—'the last word' sounded something like 'assassin'."

"Assassin! Humph, all right," snapped Roach. "Mister Stenographer I want to know is that the word he used?"

Addressing the court Mr. Miller said:

TRACK IN GOOD CONDITION  
AND STANDS ARE CROWDED  
WHEN RACES ARE STARTED

Men Put to Work at Daybreak and With Liberal Use of Gasoline Dry the Grounds—Double Bill Will Be Offered Saturday

Changes in today's racing program were made this morning by J. W. Lower. The Oliver hotel stake race for 2:24 trotters, which was slated for Thursday afternoon and postponed until today on account of the rain, will be put on Saturday. The change was made in order to allow the track to get in the best of condition for the last of the three races for purses of \$1,000.

In spite of the rain Thursday afternoon and evening, the track was in good shape for today's races. At least hundreds of men were put to work throwing over 600 gallons of gasoline on the track to dry it off for the three races on the afternoon's program.

The Interstate fair track is one of the very few in the country which has been dried with gasoline after a rain. The suggestion was made by Burr Stephenson last night, he having seen this method used on a track at Minneapolis. An order for a tank containing 610 gallons was given at once to one of the oil companies and the work was started early in the morning.

Large Crowd Attracted.  
Although this event—the gasoline burning act—was not originally on the program, it attracted a large crowd of people who watched the novel method of drying the track. Besides the men who threw the oil over the track there was a second corps of workers armed with fire extinguishers to protect the men and the fences around the track.

Men by J. B. Halsall of Greenfield, Ind., won the opening heat yesterday afternoon, but was given a race by Tobe Ward, driven by Hawkins, who drove Layburn Fuller to victory in straight heats in the News-Times stake Tuesday. It was a battle between these two geldings again this afternoon.

Local Horses Entered.  
Peggy and Billy Mac, two local entries, were among the favorites in the 2:27 pace for a purse of \$400.

Only one of the three events that would have been run off today had it not rained yesterday, was raced. This was the 2:17 pace for a purse of \$400. It took the place of the Oliver hotel stake.

Very little work was necessary to put the heavy streets in condition for the afternoon. An hour after the heavy rain yesterday afternoon that part of the track was in condition for racing. The fastest time in the heats this afternoon was made on the back stretch although all of the heats were fast considering the conditions. The little work done on the back stretch this morning was the first that has been put on it since the race meeting started on Tuesday.

Today was Southern Michigan day at the fair and a large number of people came down from Niles, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and other cities of that section. Besides the Wolverines, the management entertained all of the children of the Orphans' home. The children were given good places from which to view the races and were very enthusiastic about the horses.

Clean Bill of Health.  
Inspection of the fair grounds by the state board of health resulted in a clean bill of health for the management. Representatives of the state board said the grounds were in better shape than most fairs.

The awarding of checks to winners was held in the afternoon.

TOWN EAST OF ROAD  
TAKEN BY GERMANS

BERLIN, Sept. 17 (by wireless).—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has driven a wedge between the Russian troops defending Pskov and those defending Vilna. German troops have crossed the Petrograd-Warsaw railway and captured the town of Widsy, 18 miles east of the railroad.

In addition to announcing that Widsy has been taken, today's report from the general staff states that other forces of von Hindenburg, together with the troops of Field Marshal Prince Leopold of Bavaria, have crossed the Schtschana river, a confluent of the Niemen just to the westward of which runs the main railway line from Vilna to Rovno.

In the western theater the general staff also reports success, stating that a trench section held by the French in Champagne has been captured.

In all of the departments was started Friday afternoon, but the work will not be completed until Saturday morning. Fred Pocock, who had charge of this part of the fair, was forced to leave this morning for Columbus, O., where he will have charge of the same thing. Mr. Pocock has had years of experience along these lines and had he remained here all of the check awards would have been completed this afternoon. A misunderstanding with the Columbus management caused him to leave for that place this morning.

Although it is hardly expected that today's crowds will equal those on Thursday when the total attendance reached 28,000. At noon there were hardly more than 3,000 people on the grounds, but this number had been increased by 3,000 when the races started.

By the change which was made necessary by the rain yesterday, Saturday's program will be a double bill. The trotting and pacing races, together with the running events, will be held. The first event on Saturday's program will be the opening heat of the 2:24 trot for the Oliver hotel stake. According to a report at the track this morning, telegrams have been sent to owners who will enter horses in the 2:24 trot, making more added starters for this race.

The 2:20 trot and the 2:17 pace are also on Saturday's program. Both of these were scheduled for today. The half mile and mile run and the hurdle race are also on the program. The half mile event carried a purse of \$100 and the other two draw \$150.

ARTILLERY DUEL IS  
STILL UNDER WAY

Little Doing Along West Front Except Bombardment of Positions.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—Today's communique from the French war office today reports that the artillery duel between the French and German forces continued at several points on the front during the night.

The text of the communique follows: "In Artois, between Angres and Souchez and to the south of Arras our batteries replying to the enemy's fire, violently shelling his works and retreating establishments."

"Between the Somme and the Aisne rifle firing from trench to trench was reported, as well as some activity by heavy German artillery, to which we replied energetically."

"In the region of Spinguel and between the Aisne and the Argonne the conflict with artillery and bombs continued during part of the night."

"There is nothing to report on the rest of the front."

FAMOUS EXPLORER  
IS REPORTED SAFE

Stefansson Believed to Have Been Lost in Arctic, Continues His Work.

OTTAWA, Que., Sept. 17.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the famous explorer, believed to have been lost in the Arctic, is safe. The Canadian government today announced the result of a dispatch from the explorer stating that he was continuing his work in the Polar regions.

This dispatch was sent from Baillie Island, via Nome, Alaska, under date of Aug. 21. The Stefansson party on the last expedition into the frozen north under the leadership of the man who discovered the Niadine Eskimos a few years ago, was last heard of on April 7, 1913. On that date the explorer and several of his party started out from a point they had named Camp Separation, on the northern coast of Alaska. They expected to return to Martins Point.

In an effort to learn something of the whereabouts of the party since then, several steamers have gone to Point Barrow, the most northerly point of Alaska, but their quest resulted in a succession of failures.

Those of the original exploration party who returned to civilization reported that Stefansson and his companions were well supplied with food and ammunition.

Stefansson had been engaged by the Canadian government to head an expedition for exploration in Arctic waters.

With the famous explorer when he left Martins Point in March 1914, were Ole Anderson and Storck Storckem, the party being well equipped with supplies and transportation accommodations.